



UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH OF ANOKA  
*Providing Hope to Our Community*

## Welcome to Worship

Sunday, May 5, 2024  
Sixth Sunday of Easter

**\*Please stand as you are able.**

### PRELUDE

*Beautiful Saviour* arr. by David N. Johnson

### WELCOME

Deaconess Kim Harris

### \*HYMN

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* (UMH 384)

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Easter people, Jesus chose you and calls you friend!

**Response: We abide in Christ because Christ abides in us.**

Jesus made a home among us to show us how to love.

**Response: We abide in Love because Love abides in us.**

Jesus invites us in and beckons us to come to the table

to know the joy that comes when we love one another the way God loves us.

**Response: We abide in joy because joy abides with us.**

Easter people, Jesus welcomes you home!

**Response: We come to make our home with God and one another,  
bound together by Love and enlivened by Joy. Amen.**

### OPENING PRAYER

Holy Love, you are the one who fills us, nourishes us, and leads us on. You are the one who gave birth to creation and is birthing something new in us. You are the one who laid down your life for us. You are the one who rose from death to bridge the gap between earth and heaven, to erase the dividing line of death, by love. May your love overcome all our shortcomings, all our faults, all our hatred and suspicion and shame. May your love burn bright in us, so that we might see and know one another by your love and not by our own human measurements. Holy Love, be born in us again and again. Amen.

### SPECIAL MUSIC

*Seek Ye First* by Karen Lafferty, arr. by Wagner  
Chancel Choir

**KIDS MESSAGE**

*(Kids of all ages are invited to join the deaconess Kim up front)*

**A MOMENT TO SHARE THE STORY**

Adam Monahan with Family Promise

**\*HYMN**

*The Summons* (TFWS 2130)

**SCRIPTURE READING**

John 15:9-17 (NRSVUE)

**MESSAGE**

***“Nobody Asks to be Born”***

Pastor Kevin Schill

**\*COMMUNION HYMN**

*One Bread, One Body* (UMH 620, v 1)

**HOLY COMMUNION**

Friends, let us come out of the darkness and join together in the light of God’s love. You are invited to this table of life as we join with each other and seek communion with God.

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to our Creator.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give you our thanks and praise, O God!

In the beginning your Spirit moved over the face of the waters.

You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.

When we turned away and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.

Your Spirit came upon prophets and teachers, anointing them to speak your Word.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

Holy are you and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ...

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and cup. By your Spirit unite us with the living Christ and with all who seek to follow in his life-giving way, that we may further your reign of peace and justice in every place. In the eating of this bread, as Christ's body, and in the sharing of this cup, as Christ's blood, we invite your life to fill us; we invite your Spirit to lead us ever more faithfully to be the body of Christ in the world. All glory and honor are yours, eternal God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

Through the broken bread we participate in the body of Christ.  
Through the cup of blessing we participate in the new life Christ gives.

**PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION**

**Eternal God, we give thanks for this holy mystery  
in which you have given yourself to us.**

**Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit,  
to give ourselves to others,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**OFFERING**

*I Couldn't Hear Nobody Pray* arranged by Greg Gilpin  
Chancel Choir

**\*DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* (UMH 94)

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**\*HYMN**

*Help Us Accept Each Other* (UMH 560)

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Prelude No. 1, from Well-tempered Clavichord* by J.S. Bach

**Sunday, May 12, 2024**  
**Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
**John 17:6-19**  
***"Kinds of Waiting"***  
Message by Adam Breiner



## **Worship Hospitality Team**

Certified Lay Minister ~ John Lloyd  
Choral Conductor ~ George Chu  
Coffee/Donut Steward ~ Scott Evenson  
Communion Stewards ~ Annette Brandner, Candy and Dave Gislason,  
Dave and Angela Panter, Elaine and Tom Collison, and Jim January  
Deaconess ~ Kim Harris  
Discipleship Coordinator ~ Adam Breiner  
Greeters ~ Laurie and Rosalie Huston  
Music Ensembles ~ Kathy Chojnacki  
Nursery Coordinator and Volunteer ~ Amanda Harris and Brianna Bunting  
Organist ~ Marilyn Tice  
Pastor ~ Rev. Karen Evenson  
Praise Team Coordinator ~ Kelvin Paye  
Scripture Reader ~ Dave Gislason  
Sunday School Teacher and Assistant ~ Adam Breiner and Nono Anderson  
Ushers ~ Babs Brown, David Blincow, Gail Sanstad, Joyce Buffington, Mark Worst  
Welcome Center ~ Chuck and Sandy Burnham  
Worship Tech ~ Gene and Wade Schultz

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## **WEEKLY SCHEDULE:**

UMCA Office Hours: 10:00am - 2:00pm ~ Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

Or by appointment, please contact us at:

Phone: 763-421-2378 | Email: [umcanoka@gmail.com](mailto:umcanoka@gmail.com)

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

10:00am Knitter's Gathering  
7:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

10:30am New Testament Study - Rev. Stephen Perry  
6:00pm Jubilee Bells Rehearsal  
6:30pm Women of the Choir  
7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 9, 2024

8:00am Thursday Book Group at Bakers Square  
9:30am Bring Your Bible ~ In-Person & Zoom

Sunday, May 12, 2024

### **SUNDAY SERVICE**

9:30am Worship (In-Person & Online)  
9:45am Sunday School

# May Ministry Highlight



Each year, churches in the Minnesota Annual Conference take a **Love Offering** for missions in conjunction with our Annual Conference.

The theme of the 2024 Annual Conference—which will take place May 29-30—is “Jesus. Redeemer.”

Our Love Offering this year will help our neighbors—in Minnesota and around the world—heal from trauma and find safety.

- Thirty percent of the Love Offering will go to a new trauma care center in Ukraine.
- Thirty percent of the Love Offering will go to immigration legal support in partnership with Volunteer Lawyer Network.
- Thirty percent of the Love Offering will go to special programming aimed at reducing trauma at Emma Norton Services’ new Restoring Waters facility.
- Ten percent of the Love Offering each year goes to Volunteers in Mission scholarships, which support first-time mission trip participants.

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## WORSHIP NOTES:

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